

GENE TUNNEY WILL MARRY MISS LAUDER, THE GIRL WHO INSPIRED HIS FIGHT FOR FAME

New York, Aug. 9.—The love of a man for a maid has given the world its most remarkable heavyweight champion pugilist.

The champion, of course, is Gene Tunney, now retired, and the maid is Mary Josephine Lauder, daughter of one of the richest families in the United States. They will be married this autumn or winter, probably in New York.

The rumored engagement of the champion and the Greenwich, Conn., society girl was confirmed last night in an announcement made by friends of Tunney and of Mrs. George Lauder, jr., the mother of Miss Lauder, at Mrs. Lauder's request. Only with that announcement did it become possible to tell the true story of why Gene Tunney not only became a champion and a millionaire; but also how he became a Shakespearean scholar, a man of culture, and a man

outside of all precedent of both society and the prize ring—received in the drawing rooms of the social elite.

As gathered from friends of Tunney and of the Lauder family the romance goes back some five or six years when Mary Josephine Lauder was a girl of about 16. Tunney was a friend of her brother-in-law, Edward Dewing of Hartford Conn. Through Dewing quite without design, he met Miss Lauder.

She proved to be a sprightly girl, mature for her age, athletic, a daring and skillful rider, a sailer of yachts, artistic, and a girl of culture and refinement. She also is attractive.

Tunney was a prize-fighter, just getting a little more than started. He had just about enough money to finance himself from one fight to another. His education was that of the common schools and the marines. His

social position was that of the son of Irish immigrants, born in Greenwich Village, N. Y. and turned prize-fighter.

Mary Josephine Lauder was the daughter of George Lauder, Jr., related to the Carnegies, and worth millions made in steel. She was being educated in the school reserved for the elect of wealth and refinement. She already had culture and learning and would have more.

Until Tunney could enter the Lauder home as a man of wealth, culture and social standing, he could admire but he could not aspire to the fairy princess.

So Gene started out to get all these things. It was at a time when prize-fighting was just entering the "million-dollar" phase. He had boxing skill and a strong, clean athletic body. He decided the way to gain wealth was to capitalize himself as a pugilist. Tunney set out to become world champion. After the fight that won him the covered crowd Tunney knew that his dreams were coming true. He saw almost within his reach the little fairy-princess riding in the gilded coach.

About that time Mary Josephine Lauder was graduated from the fash-

ionable Lenox school, New York.

Tunney read books. He quoted Shakespeare. He knew a lot about philosophy. He was gathering "writing folks" around him. He even talked pure English instead of the jargon of the ring.

It wasn't long until fandom learned that the world's champion heavyweight pugilist was an occasional guest at such socially brilliant places as Southampton, Long Island, Bar Harbor, Maine, Lake Forest, Ill., and finally he attained Newport.

"Tea-fighter" the cry went up.

Before he met Dempsey the second time in Chicago last September, most of society's drawing rooms welcomed the heavyweight champion. He was known for his interesting conversation. He was recognized as a man of refinement.

More and more he visited Greenwich, Conn., where lived the Lauder family. Between all other activities, Tunney found time each day to study and to read.

"One more fight will be enough," he said and at that time he determined he would fight once more and then retire.

About that time there became exist-

ent an understanding between him and Miss Lauder that they would be married. Tunney was then moving in more drawing rooms; visiting Southampton; being welcomed at Lake Forest, on Park Avenue; at Newport, and particularly at Greenwich, Conn.

He continued to read and study. There was much jeering once again when he lectured on literature at Yale. It was considered a great joke. But it was a mighty satisfactory joke to Tunney.

Then he fought Tom Heeney and won. Two days later he announced his retirement.

He had counted his money and he had more than a million dollars. He had proved to a doubting world that he was a man of culture. He had social standing. He knew what he was about—that he had fought his last fight and had won his fair lady.

GREAT METEOR WILL BE MINED IN THE SOUTH

Winslow, Ari., Aug. 10.—Mining operations are under way to explore and determine the actual content of the giant Barringer meteor of northern Arizona, greatest known meteor on earth and hitherto enshrouded in mystery and Indian fable.

The Barringer meteor, 22 miles from Winslow, created a crater a mile across and approximately 1000 feet deep when it crashed to earth thousands of years ago. It displaced over 300,000,000 tons of rock in the impact.

The crater thus created has been the centre of scientific and geological interest for 50 years, and for the past 25 years various efforts have been made to reach the great shooting star itself and determine its content.

The work has been carried on principally by D. M. Barringer, Philadelphia geologist for whom the meteor was named.

Barringer finally located the main body 1376 feet from the south rim of the crater. Tests showed it to be approximately 400 feet in diameter, and to contain 90 per cent. meteoric iron, 7 per cent nickel, 2 ounces platinum and 1 ounce iridium per ton.

The main body is estimated to weigh 10,000,000 tons, and the metal content to be worth approximately \$50 per ton.

Age-old rumors that diamonds existed in the ore were disproved by the tests, which showed only so-called microscopic diamond points of no commercial value.

Actual mining operations just started are under the direction of Barringer and Quincy A. Shaw of Boston, of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company. The enterprise is being conducted privately.

Contracts for erecting power plant and hoist machinery and sinking a two-compartment shaft have been let, and initial construction work is under way.

Thousands of dollars have been spent in past years in futile efforts to locate the great star and its estimated wealth of \$500,000,000 of metals. The United States Mining, Smelting & Refining Company, one of the largest corporations of its kind in the United States, gave up the attempt after spending over \$10,000.

Barringer, however, has stayed with his problem for over 25 years, and after expending his personal fortune finally located the great ore body with sufficient exactitude to bring to his aid the funds and engineering assistance of eastern mining capital.

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The most valuable mineral found in the diamond drill tests is iridium, worth \$275 an ounce.

The Barringer meteor is the largest of the only three Siderite meteors (containing iron) ever found on earth. The other two are the Cape York meteor, weighing 37 tons, discovered by Admiral Peary, and now in the New York Museum of Natural History, and the Bacubirito meteor found near Bacubirito Mex. Neither of the other two Siderites contained platinum or iridium.



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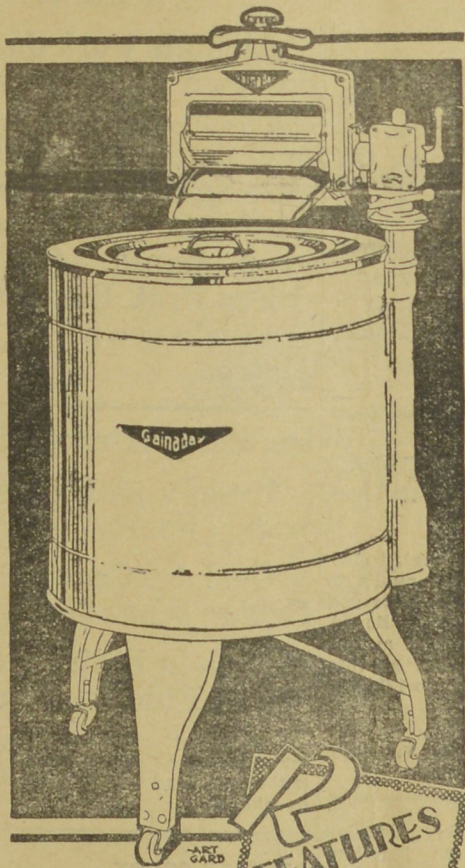
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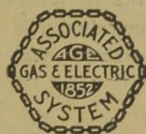
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